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AMENDMENTS

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1. (Original) A method, comprising:
 - in response to an user's request for at least one service relating to a service provider's network, providing an agent for installation on the user's premises and for coupling to the service provider's network via a physical connection;
 - automatically detecting at the agent an installation of a communications device to a local network coupled to the agent;
 - automatically offering via the communications device a plurality of user-selectable service options relating to the service provider's network and relating to at least one capability of the communications device, the at least one capability detected by the agent;
 - in response to a selection of at least one service option from the plurality of service options, providing via the agent a user connection address.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - receiving the user's request for at least one service relating to the service provider's network, the communications device being a telephone lacking a display, the plurality of user-selectable service options related to non-visual user interface services, the non-visual user interface services comprising spoken command services for caller ID.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - coupling the agent to the service provider's network.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - before registration of the communications device with the service provider's network, detecting the at least one capability of the communications device, the plurality of user-selectable service options comprising downloading an updated user manual.

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5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
registering the communications device with the service provider's network, the communications device being a telephone coupled to the service provider's network via a cable modem, the plurality of user-selectable service options comprising a competitive local exchange carrier telephone service.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
accounting for a service provided to the communications device via the service provider's network.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the physical connection comprises a cable modem.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the physical connection comprises a DSL modem.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the physical connection comprises a telephone modem.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the physical connection comprises a wireless modem.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the physical connection comprises an optical fiber connection.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the physical connection comprises a free-space optics connection.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communications device is a computer.

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14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the communications device is a telephone lacking a display, the plurality of user-selectable service options related to non-visual user interface services, the non-visual user interface services comprising push button services for caller ID.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communications device is a multimedia device.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user connection address is a telephone number.
17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user connection address is an e-mail address.
18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user connection address is an IP address.
19. (Currently Amended) A ~~machine-readable medium-memory device~~ comprising instructions for activities comprising:
 - in response to an user's request for at least one service relating to a service provider's network, providing an agent for installation on the user's premises and for coupling to the service provider's network via a physical connection;
 - automatically detecting at the agent an installation of a communications device to a local network coupled to the agent;
 - automatically offering via the communications device a plurality of user-selectable service options relating to the service provider's network and relating to at least one capability of the communications device, the at least one capability detected by the agent;
 - in response to a selection of at least one service option from the plurality of service options, providing via the agent a user connection address.

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20. (Original) A system comprising:

an agent provided in response to an user's request for at least one service relating to a service provider's network, said agent provided for installation on the user's premises and for coupling to the service provider's network via a physical connection, said agent comprising a detector adapted to automatically detect an installation of an communications device on a local network coupled to said agent;

a user interface adapted to automatically offer via the communications device a plurality of user-selectable service options relating to the service provider's network, a selection of at least one user-selectable service option from the plurality of user-selectable service options automatically transmitted via said agent to the service provider's network and resulting in the provision via said agent of a user connection address.